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In re application of :  
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AIRCRAFT, VEHICLE AND METHOD  
FOR ARRANGING SEATS THEREIN  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING  
REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0875

Sir:

On April 2, 2007, the Office issued a Notification of Missing Requirements alleging that the translation that was submitted upon entry into the national phase was defective. The alleged defect is that the number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same. This position by the Office is respectfully traversed.

As a point of fact, it is submitted that the number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are the same. The translation submitted June 12, 2006 includes 12 claims. The International Application as filed included 12 claims. WIPO has acknowledged that the publication of the International Application only included claims numbered 1-8, and apparently did not include claims 9-12 as originally submitted. Attachment A represents a response from WIPO regarding this issue after inquiry by Applicant. WIPO indicates that it will take two months in order to publish the revision so as to correctly publish the International Application.

In addition, the Office is directed to Attachment B. This attachment is a printout of the claims from the priority application of record, the application having been originally filed in Japan. As can be seen from the two pages, they include claims 1-12.

The Office is further directed to Attachment C, which is the English language translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority. Clearly the International Searching Authority understands that there are 12 claims present.

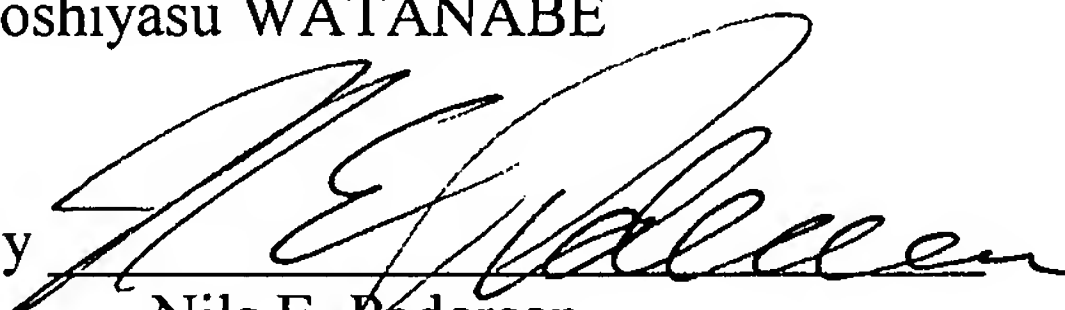
The Office is further directed to Attachment D, which is a printout of the page including claims 1-8 of the International Application. It can be seen that claims 1-7 are completed by a period (represented by a small circle in the Japanese text). It can further be seen that the remainder of claim 8 is missing, which becomes more apparent from a comparison of claim 8 of Attachment B with claim 8 of Attachment D. Thus, clearly the claim can be seen to be intended to continue on to a next and subsequent page.

From the above, it is respectfully submitted to be clear that the error in the present application is not on the part of Applicants, but on the part of WIPO in the publication of the application. Claims 1-12 of the English translation do in fact correspond to claims 1-12 as submitted in the International Application and as in fact examined in the international phase.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Notification is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/05/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/05/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 07/05/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/05/2006
- Oath or Declaration filed on 07/05/2006
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 07/05/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/05/2006
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
  - The number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$-270** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** for English translation surcharge required.

(A previous payment of **\$400** will be applied to the additional fees indicated above.)

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

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